

METH LAB NETS SUSPECT 6-10 YEARS BEHIND BARS

OMNI officers responding to information of a possible methamphetamine lab at a house in Hillsdale County found just that – an active lab in a garage next to the house. Officers seized all the components used to manufacture meth, including a propane cylinder filled with stolen anhydrous ammonia. Also seized was a finished supply of meth, several firearms and cash. A Hillsdale County suspect was arrested by OMNI officers and is now in prison on federal drug charges.

“I’VE GOT IT!”

OMNI officers demonstrated their outfield fly-ball catching skills during a recent drug bust in the City of Adrian. Acting on a tip that a Detroit suspect was selling drugs from an Adrian house, OMNI officers were able to make several buys of crack cocaine from the suspect. While executing the search warrant, the suspect was seen throwing something out the second story window. Luckily, OMNI officers located outside the house were able to catch the flying cocaine and heroin. The suspect was arrested and is now serving time for possession with intent to deliver cocaine and heroin. For OMNI officers – no hits, no runs, no errors!

MUST BE THE MIRACLE GROW?

For one local marijuana grower, it was a good growing season but a horrible harvest season. Recently, OMNI officers came across a grow operation while participating in Operation Hemp, a yearly enforcement effort to eradicate illegally growing marijuana. During their search in Hillsdale County, OMNI officers seized 1,200 marijuana plants, some as tall as 10 feet. OMNI officers estimated the street value of the marijuana at more than \$1,200,000.

COMMANDER’S COLUMN



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Michigan State Police

We are all well aware that there is a direct correlation between drugs and crime in our community. We also know that criminals do more than destroy lives, they also steal the sense of safety, well being and freedom in our community.

Armed with this knowledge, community leaders and law enforcement agencies in Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties partnered with the Michigan State Police and federal agencies to establish the Office of Monroe Narcotics (OMNI). OMNI is a multijurisdictional team with one common goal in mind, removing drug dealers from our community’s streets and neighborhoods, so you can live your life with a sense of peace and tranquility.

The concept of OMNI is based on the simple premise that no one agency has the ability or resources to respond single-handedly to the drug problems in our area. Therefore, we had to look at combining our talent and resources into a strong specialized drug enforcement team, aimed specifically at removing drug criminals from our streets.

As Commander of OMNI, I am convinced that by combining the talent, resources and technology of

As a citizen of Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties, you stand to benefit greatly by the collective efforts of OMNI. Whether using local street enforcement efforts, interdiction,

“I am convinced that by combining our talent, resources and technology, we are more successful in our efforts.”

education/prevention, or taking full advantage of the highly specialized crime fighting tools offered by state and federal agencies, OMNI officers are committed to making a difference in our community.

While cocaine and marijuana still seem to be the drugs of choice found in many of our communities, now on the scene, and positioned to spread like a brush fire, is methamphetamine. Counties across the state have seen an alarming increase in methamphetamine clandestine labs (cooking sites) and meth-related activities as well.

Methamphetamine is like no other drug we have seen before in this area, especially due in part to the fact that it is manufactured (cooked) right here in our community and not

imported, as is the case with other illegal drugs. As you read about methamphetamine in this newsletter, you will see how deadly and dangerous this drug really is. I

encourage you to become aware of the dangers associated with methamphetamine, to report any suspicious activities, and to help OMNI officers in their efforts to keep this devastating drug from taking over our community.

OMNI’s Goal:

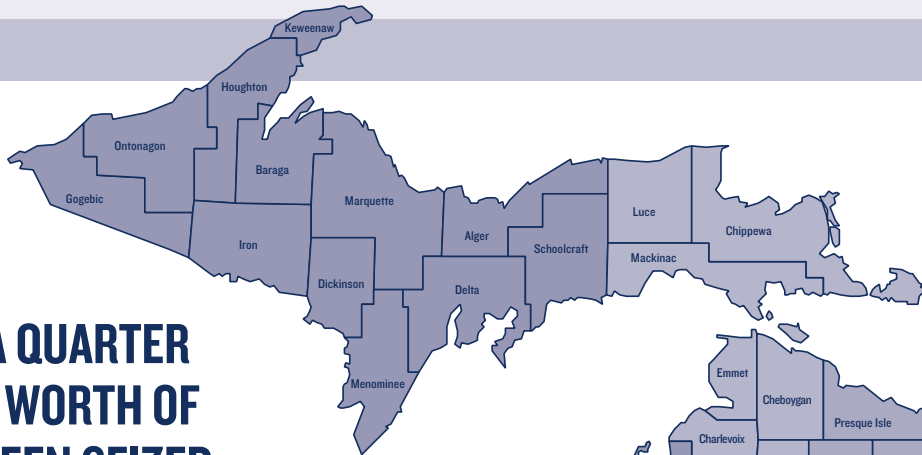
Removing drug dealers from streets and neighborhoods, and restoring a sense of peace and tranquility in our community.

our local agencies with those of state and federal agencies, we are more successful in our drug fighting efforts. As you can see by our 2004 numbers, we investigated 198 cases, made 169 arrests and stopped the dissemination of more than \$1,190,528 worth of drugs directed toward our children, family and friends in Hillsdale and Lenawee County communities.

**TO REPORT DRUGS AND DRUG DEALERS CALL
ALL CALLS REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL**

1-888-511-6664

LOCAL MULTIJURISDICTIONAL DRUG TEAMS HAVING IMPACT ON MICHIGAN DRUG EFFORTS

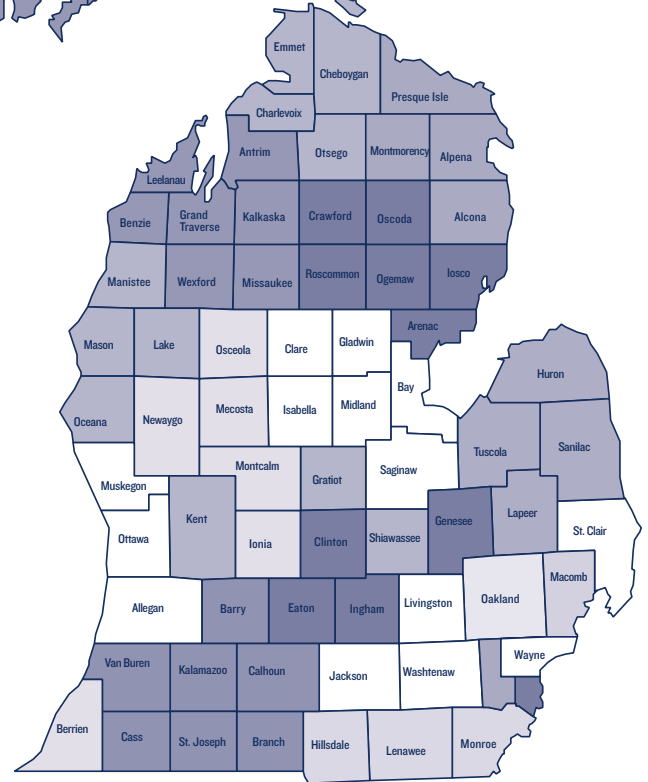


SINCE 2000, ALMOST A QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STREET DRUGS HAVE BEEN SEIZED IN MICHIGAN BY DRUG TEAMS

In the Spring of 1977, the Michigan State Police joined with local and county law enforcement agencies to begin a new concept in fighting drugs and drug related crimes in local communities. The concept was simple - no one agency had all the manpower or resources to adequately deal with the increase in drugs and drug related crimes finding its way into Michigan communities and neighborhoods. By combining local resources with the resources of the Michigan State Police, Criminal Investigation Division, along with state police and federal drug information identification and tracking systems, Michigan took a major step in bringing the fight against drug dealers and drug related crimes to the local level. And, it has worked!

Currently, multijurisdictional teams service 81 of 83 counties in the State of Michigan. Local officers from approximately 550 city and township law enforcement agencies, county deputies from 81 counties and troopers from the Michigan State Police are assigned to these task forces. The teams are funded in part through the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy, Michigan State Police, and local governing bodies.

Just in the past four years, the multijurisdictional task forces have been responsible for arresting and removing approximately 14,450 drug criminals from our neighborhoods, streets and schools. In four years, the local task forces have also removed more than \$274,478,398 in street-drugs from local communities-drugs intended for our children and loved ones. As a result of the dedicated efforts of the multijurisdictional teams, tens of millions of dollars in assets and property that would have been used to continue drug trafficking in our communities - has been seized and removed from drug dealers.



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B.A.Y.A.N.E.T.	Bay Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/790-6581
C.M.E.T.	Central Michigan Enforcement Team	989/352-6738
F.A.N.G.	Flint Area Narcotics Group	810/233-3689
H.U.N.T.	Huron Undercover Narcotics Team	989/356-3395
J.N.E.T.	Jackson Narcotics Enforcement Team	517/784-2990
M.A.G.N.E.T.	Mid-Michigan Area Narcotics Enforcement Team	989/725-7254
M.E.T.	Metropolitan Enforcement Team	616/456-4801
S.A.N.E.	Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement	231/238-8692
S.S.C.E.N.T.	State, Sheriffs, Chiefs Enforcement Team	231/843-7045
S.T.I.N.G.	Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group	989/345-2304
S.W.E.T.	South-West Enforcement Team	269/962-1225
T.N.T.	Traverse Narcotics Team	231/922-0993
T.N.U.	Thumb Narcotics Unit	989/673-8600
T.C.M.	Tri-County Metro Narcotics Squad	517/394-5588
U.P.S.E.T.	Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team	906/346-9289
W.E.M.E.T.	West Michigan Enforcement Team	616/994-6520
C.O.M.E.T.	County of Macomb Enforcement Team	586/790-3990
W.W.N.	Western Wayne Narcotics	734/397-9811
D.R.A.N.O.	Down River Area Narcotics Organization	734/479-1710
L.A.W.N.E.T.	Livingston and Washtenaw Narcotics Enforcement Team	810/227-7897
O.M.N.I.	Office of Monroe Narcotics Investigations	734/848-3445

off our streets

Hillsdale

Lenawee

STOLEN TANK ENDS UP IN LENAAWEE COUNTY

Acting on a tip, OMNI officers made a stop of a vehicle hauling meth components and precursors in Lenawee County. A subsequent search of the suspect's house revealed information indicating the suspect had a stolen anhydrous ammonia tank from Oklahoma. OMNI officers searching the property located the 1,000-gallon tank only 200 yards from the residence, covered with brush and almost completely buried. Only the valve was sticking out above the ground. More than 600 gallons of anhydrous ammonia was safely removed from the tank.

A MOUTH FULL OF MUMBLE-JUMBLE

Assisting the Clinton Police Department in a breaking and entering of a local pharmacy, officers were able to identify a possible suspect. Using an OMNI informant, officers set up a buy/bust operation with the suspect. Biting on the bait, the suspect met with an undercover OMNI officer, and was immediately arrested. During his arrest, the suspect was not cooperative and had difficulty answering questions. After a brief struggle with officers, the suspect coughed up a mouth full of Zanax, part of the stolen loot. Two suspects are now serving time for the break-in.

WAL-MART SHOPPER GETS HIS MAN

An off-duty OMNI officer was shopping in a local Wal-Mart store when he noticed an individual purchasing known precursors and equipment used to manufacture methamphetamine. The officer followed the suspect to the parking lot to get his car license plate number.

The plate came back to a suspect OMNI was already investigating for meth. Surveillance was set up on the house and a vehicle was followed to yet another Wal-Mart store in Jonesville, where the suspect bought more precursors. A search warrant was obtained and executed. OMNI officers found a fully operational methamphetamine lab, complete with propane cylinders and anhydrous ammonia.



One suspect fled but was soon found hiding in a cornfield behind the garage. Several arrests were made. OMNI officers also seized finished meth, marijuana, drug money and loaded weapons.

OMNI 2004 DRUG FIGHTING STATS

TOTAL CASES

198

NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED

99

DRUG SEIZED / PURCHASED

\$1,190,528

(STREET VALUE)

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